

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 19, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The receiving contract channel 520 indicates the channel through which the user is able to view or record the programs upon the receiving contract identified by the ~~contract~~contract ID 510. In this example, the contracts are made for two of the channel 210 (CH 210) and the channel 430 (CH 430). --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 20, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The output destinations status information data 600 is composed of a receiving contract channel 610, a "viewing apparatus" ~~628~~620, and a "recording apparatus" 630. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 20, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The "viewing apparatus" 620 indicates the only one identifier for identifying the output apparatus to which the broadcast program data on the receiving contract channel 610 is outputted at present, among the plurality of the output apparatuses connected onto the bus 10. This may be an address of the apparatus which is previously given to ~~the~~ each apparatus on the bus. --

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at Page 21, line 4 through line 18, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

-- The "recording apparatus" 630 indicates the only one identifier for identifying the recording apparatuses to which the broadcast program data on the receiving contract channel 610 is outputted at present, among the plurality of the recording apparatuses connected onto the bus 10. This may be an address of the apparatus which is previously given to the each apparatus on the bus. In this example, with the channel 210, it is indicated that only one (1) set of the apparatuses is recording at present, and that the broadcasting program data is outputted to the output apparatus 631 identified by a Node_ID_3.

Here, the output destinations status information data 600 is produced based on ~~upon a basis of~~ the contents of the above-mentioned receiving contract information data 500, which is managed in the above-mentioned receiving contract managing portion 212 and read into by the output destination supervising portion 213 when an electric power of the above-mentioned digital broadcast receiver set 100 is turned ON. --